

Remarks

Claims 19, 21, 38 and 39 have been indicated as allowable. Applicants hereby cancel the remaining claims. A Notice of Allowance for the remaining claims 19, 21, 38, and 39 is respectfully requested. Applicants have filed a Notice of Appeal herewith to ensure that the Examiner has sufficient time to act on the case in view of the rapidly approaching expiry of the six month statutory period, November 6, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$ 490.00 is enclosed to cover the Petition fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978 -- a duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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